Copies of the Dewan's Address in English, Malayalam and Tamil were distributed to the members, as also copies of the Administration Report of the State for 1100, in English and Malayalam, of the report on the operations of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for 1100, in English and Malayalam, of the "Statistics of Travancore" for 1100, in English, and of the memoranda of subjects in English, Malayalam and Tamil.

The Dewan announced that Sir P. Rajagopalachari, Dewan Bahadur Mr. M. Krishnan Nayar and Dewan Bahadur Mr. T. Raghaviah, C. S. I., former Dewans of the State, had sent their greetings to the Assembly.

The Dewan then opened the session with the following

ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN,

In obedience to the gracious commands of Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent, I extend a welcome to you, representatives of the people of Travancore, to the Twenty-second Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly. For the most part, you have been duly elected on a wide franchise of diverse communities and important interests. In respect of 23 out of the constituent 100 of this body, it has been the difficult task of the Government to find adequate representation, or any representation, of minorities and interests that have been unable to get in by the strength of their own vote. The smallness of the number which it is open to the Government to fill up by nomination makes it impossible every year to represent every community. Where all cannot come in at once, a just rotation has to be the Government's sole resource.

2. In this my first address to the Assembly, my task is mainly to draw attention to the many excellent results which the last year of the late administration has yielded to you as chronicled in the Administration Report, of which each of you has a copy. The report will give you food for thought and, possibly, carry your minds back to the larger advantages which my predecessor, Dewan Bahadur T. Raghaviah, was instrumental in securing for the State. He raised the revenues and expanded the resources of the country. He gave you a powerful voice in legislation and a firm grip on the purse-strings when he obtained the august approval of His Highness the late Maha Raja to Regulation II of 1097.

3. Personnel.—Since you last met, we have to record not merely the departure of the late Dewan but also the loss to the State of the valuable services of Rao Bahadur R. Viraraghava Aiyangar, Chief Justice; Messrs. P. J. Varghese and K. Jacob, Judges of the High Court; Mr. M. Rajaraja Varma, Devaswom Commissioner; Mr. K. Narayanan Pandalay, Chief Secretary to Government; Mr. L. C. Hodgson, Director of Public Instruction; Dewan Bahadur P. N. Lakshmanan, Darbar Physician; Messrs. M. V. Subrahmanya Aiyar and K. Parameswaran Pillai, Dewan Peishkars; Mr. R. Ananda Rao, Head Sirkar Vakil; Mr. V. Subba Aiyar, Additional Head Sirkar Vakil; Rao Bahadur John Kuriyan and Mr. K. Thanu Pillai, Executive Engineers; and, last but not least, that distinguished scholar, Mahamahopaddhyaya Dr. T. Ganapati Sastrigal. To all these gentlemen who have rendered good and faithful service to the State, I am sure, you, the representatives of the people, will desire to send your good wishes in their retirement. The hand of death has brought home to us the inestimable services rendered by that great engineer and stalwart upholder of the interests of Travancore, Mr. A. H. Bastow. The country also has to bemoan the loss of that great gentleman, Dewan Bahadur A. Govinda Pillai, for many years a Judge of the High Court. Another deplorable loss was that of Mr. C. Govinda Pillai, a most devoted servant of the Travancore Crown. This is a long list of deprivations; but, as a set-off, we have to congratulate ourselves on having secured for an extended term the services of Mr. H. S. Chatfield as Chief Justice of the High Court and of Mr. W. H. Pitt as Commissioner of Police. No less are we

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